

REMARKS

Claims 56-59 are cancelled. Claims 38, 42-43 and 46-53 are pending in the application.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indicated allowability of claims 38, 42-43 and 46-53.

Claims 56-59 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over a various cited combinations of Matsuda, U.S. Patent No.6,143,597; Roh, U.S. Patent No. 5,783,243; and Fujii, U.S. Patent No. 5,661,319. Without admission as to the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, claims 56-59 are cancelled.

Upon cancellation of claims 56-59, only claims 38, 42-43 and 46-53 remain pending in the application, all of which are indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, the application is in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant requests formal allowance of claims 38, 42-43 and 46-53 in the Examiner's next action.

Applicant notes that an initialed copy of the information disclosure statement filed with the application on October 26, 1996 has yet to be received. A copy of the initialed forms 1449 (6 pages) is requested to be provided with the Examiner's next action.

Respectfully submitted,

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